



The Fishmongers' Company

Company Policy and Criteria for Grants related to Fish and Fisheries

General Approach

The Company and the Charitable Trusts of which it is Trustee (hereafter abbreviated as “the Company”) are willing to consider proposals to provide grants in support of projects related to:

- **marine and freshwater fisheries (fin fish and shellfish, including both commercial food fisheries and recreational fisheries) or**
- **the conservation or restoration of the aquatic environment.**

(The Company does not normally support projects dealing with **marine mammals** although projects on the impact of e.g. seals on fisheries would not be excluded.)

(See also the section below regarding projects not directly in support of fish and fisheries.)

These grants are intended **to support specific projects and not for core funding of the institution concerned.**

Projects may include:

- **public dissemination of knowledge** relating to fish and fisheries and aquatic environments, including sustainability issues;
- **projects which improve the knowledge-base**, provided that the useful results of such research will be publicly disseminated;
- **projects related to the role of fish and shellfish in human diet and health.**

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. The Company is keen to consider proposals responding to new challenges and ideas.

Projects must be consistent with the Company's apolitical and science-based approach. The Company does not support projects which might compromise its independence and political neutrality or which take a non-scientific or irrational approach, e.g. by ignoring evidence.

Projects not directly in support of fish or fisheries

In addition, the Charitable Trust has a small designated fund from which it can sometimes support causes which, though fishery-related, are not directly in support of fish or fisheries. These may include:

- **projects which may benefit individuals (including disabled or otherwise disadvantaged people) through fishing or their relationship with fishing.**

- **historical, archaeological or sociological studies related to fishing.**

Sustainability

All relevant project proposals should demonstrate cognisance of sustainability issues, including environmental sustainability.

New Initiatives: follow-up

Where Company support is sought to help launch, or prime the pump of, a new initiative, the applicant will need to demonstrate how the initiative will be sustained over the longer-term. The Company cannot make open-ended commitments.

Assessing project bids

In considering bids for funding the Company gives preference to:

- projects put forward by **registered charities** working in these areas;
- projects where Company funding will be **matched by another donor** or at least there is clear evidence of supporting funding or support in kind to initiate the project - and preferably to sustain it; and
- projects which demonstrate good **collaboration or coordination** with other organisations, avoid duplication and make all possible use of partnership opportunities.

The Company generally prefers to support projects propose by other **respected and established bodies** and only in exceptional cases will support the establishment of new bodies.

Reporting

All project proposals should include provision for reporting to the Company on the progress and outcome of projects, to assist the Company's regular review of the effectiveness of its grant-giving.

Acknowledgement of support

The Company normally expects that its support will be acknowledged in all publications/publicity materials relating to the project. Where appropriate, and with the Company's permission, the Company's arms may be attached.

Interval between grants

The Company will not normally consider a new application from an organisation in receipt of a grant until **three years** have elapsed from the date of the approval of the previous bid.

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